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**From:** Anson, Robie  
**Sent:** Wed 3/14/2018 5:34:39 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Aquila Resources proposed mining Wetlands Permit, Stephenson, MI, U.P.

Hi Peter,

This came in while I was on paternity leave. Not sure if you have already seen it. I don't have any additional information on this, though Kathy Mayo might.

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**From:** Lash Zast [mailto:lashzast@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:52 PM  
**To:** Anson, Robie <anson.robie@epa.gov>; Mayo, Kathleen <mayo.kathleen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Aquila Resources proposed mining Wetlands Permit, Stephenson, MI, U.P.

Dear Robie and Kathleen,  
Our community fears for the loss of functions and habitats from wetlands destruction, as proposed in Aquila Resources' Michigan mining wetlands application. Please review the permit with a very fine-toothed comb. The glaring omissions, contradictions, and blatant errors should be enough for The EPA to veto this permit, thereby preventing this mine from ever operating here on the Menominee River.  
One review of the permit was provided by the Center for Science in Public Participation (CSP2) which analyzes mining applications and provides objective research and technical advice to communities impacted by mining. The Wetland application includes technical information regarding wetland hydrology, direct and indirect impacts to wetlands from the proposed sulfide mine and the on-site milling operation, a compensatory wetland and stream mitigation proposal, and more. CSP2's technical review was completed by Dr. Kendra Zamzow (Ph.D., Environmental Geochemistry) and Dr. David Chambers (Ph.D., Geophysics).  
Another list of concerns written by Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Kristy Wilson shows some of the areas where Aquila's shoddy data fails to meet the necessary standards. Find her most recent letter with questions to Aquila contained right with the application on MDEQ's website containing all the permits. Just reading the things she questioned should give you enough information to veto this application.  
We are counting on your expertise and judgement to veto this project. We trust you to help us Save the Menominee River.  
Sincerely, Natalie Lashmet P.S. Below find list of additional entities that oppose local sulfide mining as proposed by Aquila Resources:  
Opposition Resolutions, or at least have publicly stated they oppose local sulfide mining.

- Local Units of Government  
Marinette County, Wisconsin  
City of Marinette, Wisconsin  
Menominee County, Wisconsin  
Brown County, Wisconsin  
Oconto County, WI  
Shawano County, WI  
Outagamie County Board of Supervisors' Meeting in Appleton 10/14/17 (32 – 0!!)  
Marathon County, WI  
City of Peshtigo, Wisconsin  
Town of Amberg, WI  
Town of Wagner, Wisconsin  
Town of Porterfield, Wisconsin  
Mayors of: Wausau, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids 10/10/17  
Menominee County, Michigan  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin

Bad River Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin  
Lac du Flambeau Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Michigan

Intertribal Organizations

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc. (GLITC)  
National Congress of American Indians  
National Indian Education Association  
National Indian Gaming Association  
Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST)  
United Tribes of Michigan  
Wisconsin Indian Education Association

Letters of Support for our Opposition from other Tribal, Environmental, Sportfishing, Faith Organizations

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority of Michigan  
Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
American Rivers  
Sierra Club, WI Chapter  
Clean Water Action Council, Green Bay  
Save the Wild U.P. (SWUP)  
River Alliance of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Resources Protection Council  
International Federation of Fly Fishers  
Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance, Ltd.  
Trout Unlimited of Wisconsin (from their Fall 2017 issue)  
Northern Illinois Fly Tyers  
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

WI Senator Dave Hansen-Democrat, WI State Representative Jeff Mursau-Republican, & US WI Senator Tammy Baldwin-Democrat.

***These we heard from at Public Hearing for WI House Bill to repeal Prove it 1<sup>st</sup> law:***

*Lutheran Office for Public Policy*  
*Wisconsin Lakes (80,000 citizens & property owners)*  
*Wisconsin Wildlife Federation*  
*Clean Wisconsin*  
*Badger Fly Fishers*  
*Dupage Rivers Fly Tyers*  
*M&M Great Lakes Sport Fisherman*